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## MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES INTERESTING

**C. W. Lusk, of Chattanooga, Makes  
Splendid Address—Eighteen Old  
Soldiers Present with As Many  
Soldiers of World-War.**

The Memorial Day exercises of Post 53, G. A. R., held at this place Friday, were unusually interesting this year. The oration by C. W. Lusk, a brilliant young lawyer, of Chattanooga, and a son of a veteran, born and reared in Bradley county, was very fine, and has been commented on as a thoroughly patriotic address along American ideals delivered to thoroughly patriotic people who do not wish those ideals to trail in the dust.

At 10:30 a. m. the Post held its regular business session. The News regrets to learn that the reunion will not be held in September as planned, being defeated by vote. It was planned to make this occasion unusually interesting for the old soldiers, but their infirmities are pressing upon them, and they decided in the negative.

At noon dinner was served in the Town Hall, the headquarters of the Post. Eighteen veterans of the sixties sat on one side of a long table while as many soldiers of the World War, clad in khaki, sat opposite. It was a sight not to be forgotten, the old and young warriors of two wars, a half century apart. The board was heaped with viands, and the soldiers seemed to enjoy it thoroughly.

During the noon hour photographs were taken of the Post, the soldiers of the World War, the children with flowers and flags and one also of the entire procession. A photo was also taken of F. L. Minor, who was the only soldier of the Spanish-American War present, with Wilford J. Scofield, of the U. S. Navy. The photo taking was presided over by Wilford J. Scofield, and Judge L. P. Brewer, both artists.

At 2 p. m. line of march was taken for Owen cemetery as follows: Children with flowers and flags, soldiers of the Great War escorting the G. A. R. veterans. Graves of Comrades Hill, Davenport, Lee and Ables were decorated there, as well as flowers placed upon graves of Confederate soldiers Myers, Cook and Owen.

Return was made to Hall and the exercises as given out in the News of last week carried out under charge of J. G. Lankester, commander of the Post, the only address being Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg, the memorable words of which were read by W. S. Pryor, of Jasper. The address by C. W. Lusk was one inspired by the patriotic feelings of the day. The orator evidently felt that the Sequachee Town Hall was the centre of true American patriotism, the kind of patriotism that always defends a country and never sacrifices it. We wish it were possible to give the words he uttered, but one thing is certain that his words gave great relief to the minds of many who felt themselves storm-tossed in these days when the liberties of the people as accorded by the constitution have been abridged. Mr. Lusk is an orator of no mean ability and as a son of one who helped to hold the

Union together, felt from his inmost heart the sentiments of the day. Music was furnished by W. C. Hill and sister, Miss Louise Hill, violin and piano. Miss Hill sang as a solo, "When the Flag Goes By." Owing to the difficulty in getting a choir in the past few years, it was decided not to attempt it this year, although a good choir would have been much more effective.

During his speech Mr. Lusk gave the names of the boys of this valley who paid the supreme sacrifice in the World War, as follows:

Vance Riley Choate, So. Pittsburg; Dallas P. Ewton, So. Pittsburg; Robt. A. Gamble, So. Pittsburg; Edward Winslow Cowan, Whitwell; Robert A. Dykes; Whitwell; James Harrison, Whitwell; Lyda Magnus Hackworth, Cedar Springs; James H. Curtis, Pikeville; Victor S. Johnson, Dunlap; John Warren Jillion, Sunnyside; Malcolm Burnett, Richard City;

This list may not be complete but was the best obtainable. Benediction was pronounced by Comrade McWilliams, of Dunlap, and a most glorious day for patriotic, liberty-loving citizens was ended.

The following members of the Post were present: J. G. Lankester, Wm. Brewer, John Pickett, John Dugan, Sam McWilliams, Wm. Gilliam, Silas McNabb, A. Cross, John I. Johnson, Wash Heard, Dallas Dixon, Louis Carleton, E. S. Haynes, R. M. Johnson, S. M. Henry, G. W. Brewer, R. S. Pryor, Lot Warren, Dan Pitman.

The following soldiers of the World War were present: Robt. Dawson, Thos. Hudson, Chas. Anderson, Leslie Rogers, Milt Saylor, Brownlow Wolfe, Jack Lewis, Herschell Dawson, Morris Westmoreland, Ralph Reeves, Leslie Harwood, Jas. T. Neal, Joe Harris, John Matthews, Jas. Hamilton, Frank Kilgore, Fred Leland. The majority of these were in the parade and picture. Robt. Dawson acted as sergeant.

At the beginning of the afternoon session attention was called to the great need of repairs to the Town Hall. A collection was taken up and \$15.50 was paid over to the Treasurer of the Hall, W. C. Hill. The Woodmen of the World, thru W. S. Pryor and Chas. Curtis, also pledged \$5.00. Other amounts are to come in later. We understand that the movement was inaugurated by W. B. Sharp, supervisor of Marion's roads, who saw that the earnest desires of those in charge of the hall for its betterment in condition were not meeting much encouragement, and so suggested the collection.

### Graveyard Working.

There will be a graveyard working at the Pryor graveyard one mile south of Whitwell Saturday, June 7. Everybody is invited to come, bring tools and a full basket.

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### AMERICA.

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the Pilgrim's pride  
From every mountain side  
Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills,  
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees,  
Sweet freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake,  
Let all that breathe partake,  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing,  
Long may our land be bright,  
With freedom's holy light,  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God, our King.

### Paris, Texas.

Special to the News.

Still raining nearly every day. I have been here six weeks and I don't think there have been many days that there has not been rain. Everything is looking fine, even the grass is looking well in the corn and cotton fields. The farmers do not have a chance between showers to work their crops as they would if they had had more sunshine. Wheat and oats are being damaged in the fields. They can't cut and take care of it.

E. C. Bracken has just returned from Joplin, Mo., where he had been attending a meeting of the delegates of the Choctaw Trail Association. The Choctaw Trail extends from Galveston, Texas, to Chicago, Ill., one of the greatest good roads undertakings that has ever been tried out. This meeting was to hear reports of committees and adopt routes. There was a good representation of the representatives from each state interested, and they transacted much business for the good of the enterprise.

Many people are now wondering what the next move will be relative to peace. I think our people should get right and take the 14 points that the armistice was signed on and not on the plans of the League of Nations, which was not formulated or heard of at that time. I don't think it is just right to offer something to get the armistice signed and then offer something different to sign for peace. I don't say that is so, but it is charged as being a fact. As I said, get right ourselves and then tell them that we have had enough foolery, either sign or take the consequences. I hope they will agree on something and get it settled without any more trouble. At the rate they are going now they will soon have such a debt created that we can never pay it. There is talk of another loan of eight billions. The last one, No. 5, they said finished the job. Now, if this eight billion is to turn the railroads loose after fooling with them for less than two years, by incompetent management it does not look good and dean. Where is the money? Railroad fare, freight and express are higher than it was. Why should they be short on the cash. Col. E. H. R. Green, a rich railroad owner, stated a few weeks ago, while discussing the railroad situation, that it would take about eight billions to put the railroads in as good condition as they were when the government took them

in charge. That is why I concluded the next bond sale was for the purpose of paying the railroad companies to take the roads back.

I have just received the Dallas morning News, giving an account of England's bill for transporting our boys overseas to win the war for them, the small sum of eighty-two million dollars. Such is life in war times. I know it cost a lot of money to send the American troops over there, but they won the victory and the U. S. asked no part of the indemnity. If they can get it settled now without more bloodshed, I suppose we can get over it.

Seems that "Old Tennessean" and T. S. Bracken, of Ft. Worth, and Arlington, Texas, have gone to sleep on the job. Our old friend, Melton Dame, of Crisp, Texas, I suppose is so busy raising big hogs and fighting the grass between showers that he don't have time to think of his friends.

I just now received a letter from my cousin, Sefrona Curry, of Denton Co., who had two strokes of paralysis a short time ago. She is able to be up and walk around in the house some. I am glad to know she is recovering. I was uneasy about her. There are several of the correspondents there in Tennessee who need a little quarreling at. "J. G." of Eastland, has not shown up in some weeks. Hope they will all do better now that summer is here. As ever,  
Lone Star.

### Looney's Creek.

Special to the News.

The farmers are awfully behind with their work. Four weeks' rain during crop time sure hurts the farmer. Corn is about knee high and has been plowed. Clover is injured and the wheat harvest is on us. The grass and weeds are growing very fast, so you see the farmer is almost in a bad fix.

Mrs. W. E. Anderson is on the sick list this week, but has not called in the doctor yet.

Rev. A. T. Pounders preached at Looney's Chapel Friday night, Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. His preaching has the old-time ring to it.

The Teague graveyard is in bad shape, fence down and stock running over the graves. We want to meet there on Saturday, June 7, and put in the day cleaning and repairing some of the damage done to the graves. All interested are asked to come, bring dinner and stay all day. Also a new fence is needed to protect the graves. Blue Jay.

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### COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

**Two Nights of Interesting  
Programs Mark Close of  
Marion High School**

Commencement exercises of Marion County High School were held Thursday and Friday nights in the High School auditorium, Jasper, to large and attentive audiences.

Thursday night the regular graduation exercises were held, graduates for this year being as follows: Margaret Bull, Alma Cowan, Elizabeth Deakins, Ruby Prigmore, Flora Moore, Jennie Moore, Muriel Scofield, Nancy Willis, Avaline Wells, Joe Anderson, William Ables, Willie Jack Tate, Phillips Wilson, Walter Wells. Songs were sung by the graduating class very effectively, with piano and violin accompaniment, and an excellent address rendered by G. L. Burnett, President of Tennessee University.

Phillips Wilson, son of W. H. Wilson, had the honor of receiving a War Saving Certificate presented for general deportment and efficiency.

The stage was decorated in the class colors of white and purple, with flowers and potted plants, and the class motto, "Vive! Ride! Disce!" occupied a prominent place.

Friday night the Annual Concert was given, program of which appeared in in this paper last week. The numbers were all good, each performer showing careful training, but the work of little Miss Katharine Turner, Mildred Sue Hornsby, Marianna Roberson, who are very diminutive performers, were especially interesting. The program was rather long, but of such excellent character that it did not become tiresome.

Little Miss Willie Clyde Vann played the violin like a professional, and certainly talented.

Just before the closing chorus, Lealie Darr, in a neat speech announced that Misses Thelma

Brown and Dorothy Rankin and Master Albert Rankin had tied in a contest in proficiency in playing the scales, and the prize of ten dollars offered by Mrs. Turner, piano teacher, by consent of those interested was divided between the three.

The bond mentioned, a \$5 baby bond, was awarded by Prof. Harry Clark, of the State University, in honor of the memory of his father, Prof. R. A. Clark, for many years one of the leading educators of Tennessee, and who taught so many of the leading citizens of this section and valley. The points to be considered by the school faculty in awarding this prize to a boy were as follows:

Influence—Used always for the best and never for evil.

General good conduct—Showing manly courage at all times and under all circumstances.

Strength of character—Not yielding to evil influence.

Honesty in all things—In ordinary dealings, in class room and on examinations.

Truthfulness.

Politeness.

Awarded to Phillips O. Wilson of the finishing class, with several others close seconds.

"Hello Girls" in France. Two little paragraphs taken from Hamilton Holt's study in the Independent (New York) concerning the vast activities behind the American front in France convey volumes of information to those who would realize the scope of the organization at a certain American base port.

"Not the least American thing in this Franco-American city," writes Mr. Holt, "was a completely equipped American fire engine house with a crew imported from as far distant a city as Portland, Ore. And you should have seen the boys slide down the polished brass pole, just as they do at home, when the captain sounded the gong."

"I forget how many hundreds of telephone wire we had installed in our special American telephone circuit. But, best of all, you could say 'Hello,' just as you do at home—and back would come the response from a real American exported hello girl: 'Number, please?'"

Will Warren, who has been here working for Wm. Lee, went to Shellmound Sunday to meet his family who have been at McDonold, Tenn., picking strawberries.

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